

The following information is provided to you as a requirement of the City's Commercial and Residential Alarm Ordinance, enacted August 16, 2007.

The following excerpts are intended to provide you with information concerning the Ordinance's general requirements and the acceptable operation and maintenance of alarm systems within the City.

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## **Alarm Ordinance Info**

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Who ?

Any one with an alarm system installed in their home/business.

When?

As soon as the system is activated.

How much?

\$30 the first year, \$15 for on-time renewals.

Will the police respond every time the alarm is activated?

Yes, each and every time!!

## **Leander Police Department**



## **Alarm Ordinance Information and Requirements**

# Leander Police Department - Alarm Ordinance Excerpts

## **BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEMS**

(herein referred to as "alarm systems" or "alarm" unless otherwise indicated) means any electrical, mechanical, or electronic device or assembly of equipment that emits, transmits, or relays a signal intended to summon, or that would reasonably be expected to summon, by direct or indirect means, the aid of the police services of the city. Such systems are "categorized" as to the following types or combinations of types.

- (a) residential burglar alarm;
- (b) residential medical emergency alarm;
- (c) residential duress alarm; or
- (d) commercial burglar alarm.

## **ARTICLE 1 §3 VIOLATIONS**

(A) No person shall operate, cause to be operated or allow the operation of an alarm system:

- (1) Without a valid permit issued under the provisions of this ordinance;
  - (2) Without being in compliance with the procedures and provision of this ordinance; or
  - (3) That automatically dials the 911-Emergency Communications System.
  - (4) Without due regard in maintaining such a system in a manner that minimizes false alarm notifications.
- (B) No person shall knowingly cause a false alarm to be activated.

## **§7 FALSE NOTIFICATIONS**

**(a) The holder of an alarm permit shall pay a service fee of \$75.00 if the permitted alarm site has had in excess of five but fewer than eight false alarms within the preceding 12 month period or \$100.00 if the site has had in excess of seven false alarms within the preceding 12 month period.**

(b) For any alarm notification for which a service fee is assessed, the Chief of Police has the authority to investigate the circumstances of the alarm, and may waive the payment of the fee.

## **ARTICLE 2 - PERMIT REGULATION**

### **§1 REQUIREMENT**

(a) An alarm system may not be operated without a permit issued by the Chief of Police. Upon enactment, permits shall be issued for new systems conforming to the Security Industry Association (SIA) Control Panel Standard with features for False Alarm Reduction. Existing systems at the time of enactment not conforming to SIA, but conforming to the requirements of state law, shall be permitted or renewed within the guidelines of this ordinance until such time as such systems are significantly modified or converted; or taken-over by another Alarm Company.

(b) A separate permit is required for each alarm site.

(c) The permit holder shall keep the alarm permit at the alarm site and shall produce such permit for inspection upon request of any member of the Police Department.

(d) If the permit holder does not advise the Police Department that they have relinquished control of

the alarm site, and cancel their permit; the permit holder is responsible for outstanding fees associated with that permit.

### **§3 PERMIT APPLICATION**

(a) An application for a permit shall be made by a person who owns, leases, resides at, or manages the alarm site.

(b) The application and the required fee of \$30 shall be submitted to the Police Department on a form provided by the department. Any false statement made by an applicant shall be investigated as a violation of the Texas Penal Code §37.10. "Tampering with Governmental Record", a third degree felony.

(c) An alarm permit is issued to an individual or corporate entity and is nontransferable and nonrefundable.

(d) The date of issuance will be the date the application is processed.

(e) A permit shall issue for a one-year period.

### **§9 PENALTY**

(b) Any person who operates, causes to be operated, or allows to be operated an alarm system without a valid permit shall be charged a fee as set forth in the false notification section herein for each notification of activation. This is in addition to any criminal penalty imposed for violation of this ordinance. This fee may be applied to an original alarm permit application for first time offenders.